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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 -  
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 17 June 2002. A response is due 19 August 2002, 17 August having fallen on a Saturday. It is believed that no fee is presently due to maintain this application in full force and effect, but if any such fee is due, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-1254.

REMARKS

a. Response to Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lester (U.S. 4,998,046). Claims 14-16 were allowed, and claims 9-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In maintaining the rejection over Lester in view of Applicant's arguments in the prior response, it was stated that "Lester's circuit means (Q4 and Q5) for producing the first series of pulses and a circuit means (Q6 and Q7) for producing a second series of pulses are entirely independent from each other. The reason is that either the first series-pulses-circuit (Q4 and Q5)